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Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/279 of 12 July 2001, in which it endorsed the Brussels Declaration[1] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[2] and its resolutions 57/276 of 20 December 2002 and 58/228 of 23 December 2003 on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Reaffirming its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000, by which it adopted the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[3] in particular paragraph 15 thereof, in which the heads of State and Governments undertook to address the special needs of the least developed countries,

Recognizing the importance of the review of the progress achieved towards meeting the goals and targets contained in the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, as well as other internationally agreed development goals including those contained in the Millennium Declaration as they address the special needs of the least developed countries,

Recalling the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2004 of the Economic and Social Council on the theme "Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/CONF.191/13, chap. I.

[2] Ibid., chap. II.

[3] See resolution 55/2.

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context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010",

Taking note with appreciation of the *Least Developed Countries Report, 2004: Linking International Trade and Poverty Reduction*,

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General,[4]

1. *Reiterates* its deep concern over the weak implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010;[2]

2. *Urges* the least developed countries and their bilateral and multilateral development partners to increase concerted efforts and speedy measures for meeting the goals and targets of the Programme of Action in a timely manner;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with least developed countries, to explore the possibility of designating a task force comprised of least developed countries' development partners and relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, on each of the seven commitments of the Programme of Action; such task forces chaired by a team leader could play a catalytic role in the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action;

4. *Urges* the 2005 high-level event, in accordance with its modalities, to address the special needs of the least developed countries, while reviewing the progress made in the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration;

5. *Decides* to hold the midterm review of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in 2006;

6. *Reiterates* the critical importance of the participation of Government representatives from the least developed countries in the annual review of the Brussels Programme of Action by the Economic and Social Council, and in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to take concrete measures for the full implementation of the provision contained in paragraph 8 of resolution 58/228;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, consistent with paragraph 34 of the São Paulo Consensus,[5] to conduct annual analyses through the *Least Developed Countries Report* on the causes of the decline in the share of least developed countries in world trade and the linkages between trade, growth and poverty reduction, with a view to identifying long-term solutions to the problem; and in this regard also reiterates the need for increased allocation of resources to undertake this task;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an annual progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action in a more analytical and results-oriented way by placing greater emphasis on concrete results and indicating the progress achieved in its implementation.

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[4] A/59/94-E/2004/77.

[5] See TD/410.